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Students rally for San Bruno

Fraternity collects donations for Red Cross relief effort in San Bruno

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The fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi — Gamma Epsilon Chapter, raised money Monday, Sept. 13 and Tuesday, Sept. 14, for the victims of the San Bruno gas explosion.

The members of the fraternity set up a tent in the Plaza De Cesar Chavez and took donations for the American Red Cross.

Senior kinesiology major, Victor Delgado, who is also the philanthropic chairman for Delta Sigma Phi said he helped organize the event.

Delgado said the disaster really hit home for the fraternity because some of the brothers live around the area and were affected by the explosion.

“We are pretty much getting as much money as we can and we are going to donate it to the American Red Cross and the money will go directly to the victims who have lost their homes and everything they had,” Delgado said.

The table was set up on Monday and Tuesday was the fraternity’s last scheduled day to collect donations,

Delgado said.

Susie Miller, a sophomore occupational therapy major, said she was impressed with the fraternity.

“They are the only people out here, it looks like they have been out here for a long time,” she said. “The people in San Bruno really need the help, it’s great to see that they are out here making the effort.”

The American Red Cross is the national philanthropy organization that Delta Sigma Phi has joined forces with, according to the fraternity’s website.

In addition to raising money for San Bruno they also take part in the Blood, Sweat and Cash project, according to the website.

The project includes donating or coordinating the donation of 50,000 pints of blood, contributing 75,000 hours of service for the Red Cross and a contribution of \$100,000.

An off-campus blood drive is also in the works for Oct., Delgado said.

Iheke Iheke, sophomore bio chemistry major, and member

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Senior kinesiology major Chris Roman, a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, helps collect donations Sept. 14 for the victims of the San Bruno gas explosion.

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Anti-abortion groups advocate on campus

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Staff Writer

A sophomore music major said he was in a good mood listening to Lady Gaga when he passed the Paseo de Cesar Chavez on Seventh Street and was barraged with pictures of aborted fetuses.

Nathan Villanueva started to tear up when he said, “I’ve met with some people who have had miscarriages ... I’m sorry. It’s really emotional for some people ... It’s a bit too much for me.”

For the last two days, four anti-abortion groups have been advocating their cause on campus.

Large posters consisting of provocative phrases such as, “Am I human?”, “Is this inhumane?”, “Window in the Womb”, and “Window in the Abortion Clinic” accompanied graphic photos of unborn fetuses and aborted fetuses.

Don, a representative from Project Truth and head organizer of the interest group, who declined to give his full name, said he wants students to be aware that abortion is an act of violence that kills a baby.

In addition, he said he wants to inform students about self-control and learning to control their bodies and minds when it comes to sexual activity.

He said none of the college campuses talk much about the abortion issues and that he, along with three other groups, go to colleges but it’s rare that they get to every college every year.

Most colleges don’t really talk much about the abortion issue, and if so, they talk a little about it in a classroom setting, maybe for a page or two, Don said.

“Stop the abuse of devaluing human beings. Everyone has the right to be alive,” Don said. “Why does our laws devalue hu-

man life, like we’ve done in the past?”

Marynel Rapinan, an undeclared freshman and Kim Nguyen, a freshman biochemistry major both had opposing views on the presence of the groups on campus.

“I think it’s very disgusting and degrading,” Rapinan said.

Anna Bettisworth, from Live Action, one of the groups participating, said the abortion ordeal is a social injustice and it kills 3,500 children daily and 1.5 million annually.

In regards to the explicit posters, Bettisworth said, “We’re not trying to do anything, but just talk to students and educate them as to what abortion is. So many students come and say we’ve never seen these pictures before, we didn’t know abortion killed a child.”

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UPD presentation prepares students for the worst

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A presentation of A.L.I.C.E., which stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate, was given yesterday, from 10-11:30 a.m. on the fifth floor of Clark Hall, during which strategies were discussed concerning what to do if you are in proximity to an active shooter.

“An active shooter is a person who is immediately causing death/harm,” said Kenny Lott, who has been with the SJSU police for five years. “There is no profile for active shooters. They come in all shapes and sizes.”

The 13 people who attended the presentation were given tips as to how to prepare themselves for and act when an active shooter situation arises.

Kimberly Eugenio, a freshman biochemistry major, said she found out about the event through the events tab of SJSU’s website, and was glad she attended the event.

“I live in San Jose,” Eugenio said. “It’s

a small community and I wanted to prepare. It was very helpful because you never know when or where it will happen. I definitely will start practicing.”

It’s important to have a survival mindset, meaning you should accept that you may find yourself in this kind of situation, and then ask yourself what you would do in that situation, Lott said.

If you hear what you think might be a gunshot, Lott advises to get into your rehearsed courses of action as soon as possible. Then, figure out if you can get out, need to hide out, help someone out, or take someone out.

Lott said it is good to have a pre-determined community gathering place, although preferably not a place that has been specifically designed for that purpose.

Provide as clear and specific information as you can to the police, and don’t hang up unless directed to by the police or if your safety is compromised by

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Research and preparation are crucial for students seeking internships

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Staff Writer

There are certain things people can do to get ready for the Fall '10 Job and Internship Fair when meeting possible employers, said an employment specialist.

Even in tough economic times, people can find employment opportunities if they take some time to prepare, said Douglas Evans, who works for the Career Center.

Evans said a year ago, a student "researched every organization he was interested in, created a targeted resume and made a cheat sheet that had information to remind him of what to talk about regarding the position."

The student was offered internships from all eight companies he researched, Evans said.

When talking to a recruiter at a job fair, he said it was important to act in a professional manner.

"Dress as if it's an interview," Evans said. "In a way it is a miniature interview — dress professionally."

He also suggests going to job fairs during the first couple of hours instead coming at the end of the day.

"There are two reasons," Evans said. "First, there are lines and also it is a long day for the recruiters."

He said being unprepared is a big pet peeve for companies.

Freshman business major Stephen Tran said he has never been to a job fair. "I wouldn't know how to prepare," he said.

Gregory Enriquez, a senior computer engineering major, said there are many things people attending the job fair can do to prepare.

"Update your resume," he said. "Look at a list before to see who you want to

talk to and see what they expect and what they are looking for."

Priscilla Gee, a junior graphic design major, said she never thought about what a person should do to prepare for a job fair but said people should look into what companies they would be interested in.

"Find out what companies are going to be there and have a few resumes ready," said Vanessa Estrada, a senior social work major.

Breath mints are small things that can make a difference, Evans said.

"If you are up close trying to make a good impression, avoid smoking or strong foods," he said.

Amaranta Hernandez, a sophomore industrial design major, said there are some things people should do if they attend the fair.

"Have a couple questions about what companies are looking for and try to dress professionally," she said.

Evans said it is important for people to prepare for job fairs.

"There is more competition for students," he said. "Employers are pickier."

Many job opportunities are available for students in most majors, Evans said, but students from some majors have to be flexible if they are serious about getting a job.

Evans said students should also give their resumes to companies that are not currently hiring.

"Occasionally, a company doesn't have any open positions immediately but are collecting resumes for the near future," he said.

It is standard for companies at job fairs to ask people to apply online, Evans said.

The Fall '10 Job and Internship Fair is from 12 to 5 p.m. on Sept. 29 at the Event Center.

Look at a list before to see who you want to talk to and see what they expect and and what they are looking for.

GREGORY ENRIQUEZ
Senior computer engineering

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being on the phone, Lott said.

Lockdown is a good first step, but Lott said it is important to take further action, such as barricading the door, turning off the lights, and taking cover.

If you are confronted by the shooter, then make yourself a hard target as opposed to a soft target, by keeping your distance, moving constantly and throwing objects Lott said.

It takes police approximately 10 minutes to come to the rescue, according to Lott.

When the police come, Lott stressed not to make any sudden movements and put your hands up, as they are primarily concerned with subduing the hostile individual(s), and they may injure you out of instinct.

Lott said that a common misconception people have is that this situation can't happen to them, that it's like being struck by lightning, however, you have to be ready for the worst.

Other myths, Lott said, are that the police will respond in time to dissolve the situation before anyone gets hurt and that students and faculty can't take any action.

Sgt. Manuel Aguayo, of the University Police Department, said that this program was started in 2008, and was created with the intention of establishing an instinct or reflex in people so that they will be prepared in the case of an active shooter, much like how ducking under a desk in the event of an earthquake has been drilled into people's heads.

"It's important to know your surroundings and escape routes," Aguayo said. "Know how to communicate with

police and, if anything, it's important to report suspicious activity to the University Police."

Lott listed some key phone numbers to know in the event of an emergency: 924-2222 or 911 will bring you to the University Police, 277-8900 will get you in contact with the non-emergency branch of the San Jose Police Department, and 277-8911 or 911 will ring the emergency branch of the San Jose Police Department.

Aguayo also pointed out that people can use the newly established TipNow service, which provides a confidential transfer of information, to report any suspicious activity and possibly prevent a deadly situation.

Another feature, Aguayo said, is the AlertSJSU system, which someone can sign up for through MySJSU, that will send a message to one's e-mail and cell phone.

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Simme Aulakh, a senior English major said she never thought about how babies develop, but the information she received is eye-opening.

"I think it's educational, but I think people are still going to do what they want to because they're not going to think about all this at the moment," Aulakh said.

A young supporter of the anti-abortion cause, Carlos Barrera, 14 said he is Catholic but the church doesn't talk much about the issue.

"I got involved with Live Action when came to visit my church and gave a presentation, a day before the yearly Walk for Life in San Francisco," Barrera said.

The photos are a bit disturbing and it's good for people to see, but the area of the school chosen was probably not the best, said Roxanna Oshana, a junior business marketing major.

People should be informed about what really happens with abortion, Oshana said.

"I am Christian so that's mainly why, but I am not totally against abortion," Oshana said. "I believe like if you were raped or anything, you should get an abortion."

Nolan Hummel, a junior chemical engineering major and anti-abortion advocate said he believes the exploitation of such candid photos make interest groups appear crazy.

Nguyen thought the photos were fine to be put on display on campus because everyone is old enough and mature enough to see such visuals.

It's graphic and she said she's never seen anything like it before and was specifically appalled at the description of "pulling it out" from the description of one of the group members about the

abortion process.

"It's like a lesson, kind of like open our eyes," Nguyen said. I don't like seeing it but it opens my eyes to different things."

Students expressed their opinions regarding anti-abortion groups on campus, but one incident described by Bettisworth caused shock and sadness with many of the supporters passing out fliers, she said.

"This morning (Monday), someone we believe was a teacher or a staff member came by and threw coffee on one of our students (volunteers) here as he walked by and didn't apologize and never came back," Bettisworth said.

Bettisworth said even with the occurrence, their group supporters continue their mission of raising awareness by exhibiting large fetus photographs, and passing fliers for the two days.

An Evening With

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Krystal Boyard, junior human resources management major, donates change the American Red Cross through SJSU's Delta Sigma Phi fraternity on Sept. 14.

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of the fraternity said he helped work the table

on Tuesday.

"I am really proud of the guys for getting it organized so quickly, it just happened this past week and by Monday we already had a plan of action and

things we can do to help," Iheke said.

According to the website the members of Delta Sigma Phi use philanthropic work to not only better SJSU, but the community

as a whole.

They money has not been counted thus far, but Delgado and Ikehe both said they think the donation event will be a success.

New downtown restaurant ruffles feathers

RESTAURANT
REVIEW

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Students who are already sick of having a turkey sandwich or a boring granola bar for lunch every day might find a new restaurant on 200 S. First Street that ruffles their feathers.

Ruffled Feathers Eatery opened in June this year, and although it may sound as though its specialty is chicken, the menu at first glance says otherwise.

With its Olive green walls decorated with black knick-knacks such as empty picture frames and mirrors, the decor gives the restaurant a shabby chic but modern atmosphere.

Hence on first impression it might make average college students feel it is beyond their budget.

I had a late lunch with three friends at the restaurant on Monday and after looking at the menu it appeared to be a restaurant that primarily specialized in pitas, not chicken.

The menu was one page, so I thought the entrées on the front side were my only options which included salads, pitas, “pizzas,” and pastas.

I ordered the “Eatery Pitza,” which is a pizza made on a pita bread instead of pizza dough. It was topped with pesto sauce, Gilroy Garlic Chicken breast, sun dried tomatoes, herb jack and mozzarella cheese.

I was asked if I would like my “pitza” with whole wheat or white pita, and just because I’m not usually presented with this option, I decided to try the whole wheat.

The lady who took my order informed me and my friends that SJSU students get a free drink with their meal. With the free drink my total came to about \$8.

After I picked a booth, I glanced at the menu again and realized the chicken options were on the back of the menu.

There are four chicken options, which include Gilroy Garlic, Rosemary Herb, Smoked BBQ and Traditional.

Having missed out on on the chicken options, the side of pita chips and hummus that my friend ordered more than made up for it.

The pita chips were crunchy but not too dense like many of the pita chips sold at grocery stores.

The hummus was really garlicky and thick.

I love garlic, but students who have to work on a group project or close to people afterward may want to avoid the pita chips and hummus side dish.

The delicious side, worked more like an appetizer for me, and only got me excited to try my “pitza.” I didn’t have to wait long for the server to bring me a surprisingly large “pitza” that had all the promised toppings on it.

After I took my first bite, I realized that it probably wasn’t fair I tasted the garlicky hummus first, because the “pitza” in comparison was a bit bland and flavorless.

The whole wheat pita was very thin and the chicken on the pizza was a bit dry. One of my friends ordered the same “pitza” and we came to the consensus that it would be better if it had more pesto sauce.

I was satisfied enough to continue eating, and I was full after finishing only half of the eight slices on my plate.

I boxed the rest and I the leftovers for dinner later that night.

The entire menu doesn’t have anything over \$10, and they do have a few vegetarian options such as the “Veggie Rice Pita” and “3-Cheese Pitza.”

Students who are growing tired of the limited food options on campus might find reasonably priced and healthier options at Ruffled Feathers Eatery for a change of pace.



The Eatery Pitza is made on a pita bread instead of pizza dough at Ruffled Feathers Eatery.

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The pita chips and hummus side dish offered at Ruffled Feathers Eatery.

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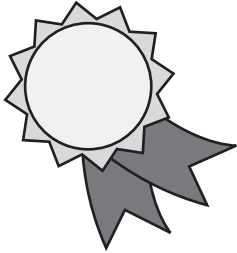
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Yesterday's Solution

Screaming children ban, a welcome addition

The owner of a North Carolina eatery adopted a new policy banning screaming children from her restaurant.

Unfair or a form of discrimination you say? I think not.

Like some young adults in college, I work part-time in a restaurant. Easy money? Not really. The hours are short, which helps with the homework load, but it's minimum wage so it hurts the wallet.

We pay for our rent, food, gas and books off of tips, not our paycheck.

Our tips are not consistent. Sometimes you have good days and others your shift may feel like a complete waste of time. Bottom line is, it really depends on the people we serve.

So when we are at a table, desperately trying to make a buck to pay for all the expenses a college student can incur, an unruly child really does hurt us.

Imagine this from my perspective.

You are greeting a table. It's a nice couple that finally has found the time to go out and spend some quality time with each other. They are enjoying their evening at a restaurant with some cocktails and appetizers.

As you take their order, a man and woman sit at the table next to them with their children. Before you can finish your conversation with the first table, the child at the second

table unleashes a bloodcurdling scream that makes your heart stop and wish you could be anywhere else but here.

Great.

As you approach the second table, the child is doing everything but listening to his or her parents. This may include, throwing crayons, crying, screaming, crawling under the table, kicking, and throwing around silverware.

This obviously makes taking their order darn near impossible because A) they can't hear you and B) they are distracted by their wild child.

So, what would normally take 45 minutes to turn a table, is now going to take another 20 to 30 minutes because the parents are desperately trying to communicate and calm their child.

Does it bother me that they are going to take longer at the table?

Not at all.

Does it bother me that the little angel child is screaming his or her head off?

Not even.

However, it matters when that little munchkin has ruined the dining experience of the surrounding patrons trying to enjoy their meals — that bothers me.

Some customers want to move to another table, which means a different server. Which means no tip for Alex.

Others are so irritated by the shrill screams and crying of the little darling that they just want to get the heck out of the restaurant. Leaving me completely powerless of ensuring a great dining experience.

Angry customers usually equal a not-so-great tip — if any, at all.

Many parents are up in arms about this new policy. There are some that see this as a form of discrimination toward their children that may suffer from a disorder.

I can sympathize. I understand your position and where you are coming from.

If I had a child with a disability, I would feel the exact same way you do.

But before you start blaming the restaurant owner, drawing your picket signs and writing your emails, I have this to say:

Talk to the parents who don't know how to check their children. They are the ones that have pushed people like Brenda Armes to create policies such as this one.

"We want to attract the type of people that come in knowing they aren't going to have to sit behind a table with a bunch of screaming children." Armes said, according to cafemom.com.



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I remember when I was a child I liked to play. I wasn't a screamer as much as an overactive little child.

I would crawl under the pews at church with my sister and chase her up and down the aisles at Safeway.

But one glance at my mom's fiery eyes and her mouthing the words "pórtate bien" (behave yourself in Spanish) was usually enough to stop me dead in my tracks.

I knew I was in for it and I was in trouble.

And I knew if I didn't start behaving right then and there, I would probably not live to see tomorrow.

Maybe I exaggerated on the "not living to see tomorrow" part. But I knew I was in trouble and that I was wrong and that I should stop.

Why don't these parents know how to do that with their children?

I commend the restaurant owner and her new policy. Every establishment reserves the right to refuse service to anyone and she is exercising her right.

If some places have put up signs that say, "No shoes, No shirt, No service," why can't she add "No screaming children?"

The great swindling

In the fall of 2008, a credit crisis took over Wall Street and sent the United States into its worst recession since the Great Depression.

Hundreds of billions of dollars worth of mortgage-backed investments went bad and the gargantuan investment banks that held them teetered on the verge of collapse.

The sky was falling.

Millions of people lost their homes and their jobs, the question was how did this happen? Why didn't we see it coming?

The truth is they did it, and they knew it was coming.

They being the financial experts, the slick wall street geniuses who with the complicity of lobbyists and leading politicians of both political parties.

First they took apart the legislation put in place to prevent just this kind of crisis, then they proceeded to exploit it, devising complex financial instruments they themselves didn't fully understand.

All they knew is that it made them money and lots of it.

I'm not suggesting there was a secret cabal of Wall Street executives meeting in boardrooms in the wee hours of the morning to screw the American people.

But it's not conspiratorial to suggest that the people who consciously developed and implemented a policy of radical financial deregulation that led to a global recession should be held responsible.



SALMAN HAQQI
On the Contrary

In a 2008 congressional committee hearing, former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan admitted his "mistake in presuming that the self-interests of organizations, specifically banks and others, were such that they were best capable of protecting their own shareholders and their equity in the firms."

It was the result of the financial gurus myopic view that the free market would correct itself.

As President Clinton's Treasury secretary, Robert Rubin, the former co-chair of Goldman Sachs, led the fight to free the financial markets from regulation and then went on to a multi-million dollar job with Citigroup, a company that had most staunchly lobbied for deregulation.

Rubin along with his band of economist darlings Alan Greenspan and Lawrence Summers, inflated a giant real estate bubble by intentionally deregulating the derivatives market, resulting in cascades of money poured into bad loans and sold as safe investments.

In the process they caused an ocean of misery and grief when the bubble inevitably burst.

And while the American middle class still suffers the consequences in the form of close to double-digit unemployment and a global economic downturn, the fat cat bankers continue to reap multi-million dollar bonuses, with little to no retribution.

That this is true has only been reinforced by the spineless response of the Obama administration in its first year.

Adding insult to injury President Obama rewarded the very culprits of the crisis by filling his economic team with former Wall Street executives, who of course were some of his campaign's most generous of contributors.

If there was an example of the wolves guarding the hen-house, this is a doozy.

If we as a people learn anything from this crash it should be that no one watching out for the common man, only a an elite group of self-interested multimillionaires and billionaires making decisions for the rest of us.

If we continue to cede this power to these corporate scoundrels, the swindling of the American people will keep on going.

"On the Contrary" is a bi-weekly column appearing on Wednesdays.

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A congregation led astray

I was happy to hear that Reverend Terry Jones of a Florida church called off his congregation's plan to burn Qurans as a protest to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

It must be said that Jones' plan would have been legal.

Protected under the First Amendment, Jones has the constitutional right to protest and express his ideas, even if the government found it unpatriotic and potentially dangerous.

Some may claim the act would have incited clear and present danger as well as endangered troops overseas, however it probably would have remained protected under the First Amendment.

With that being said, not everything that is legal is necessarily just. Like Jones, I would like to exercise my right to share my disgust towards the congregation's intended actions.

I am afraid that although the protest was called off, a lot of the damage has already been done by Jones and his congregation announced intentions alone.

The hatred that has been spread on such an emotional day had caused emotional and physical harm to many.

At an anti-Quran burning protest, 11 Afghans were injured.

I tried to find one just reason as to why Jones would risk disrespecting so many people in the name of his beliefs, but I simply could not.

It is entirely possible for Jones to stand up for what he believes in, even if it is something as crazy as the idea that Islam is the devil, without being so evil to others.

If Jones does not believe in the Quran, than to him this book should be nothing more than words on paper.

What would be the point in burning a large quantity?



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Staff Writer

I suppose Jones could have at least recycled the Qurans to have at least one attempt of goodwill.

The real problem is that these Qurans are symbolic of people's beliefs as well as their identity, which shows some hypocrisy in the rhetoric that the congregation puts forth.

According to the New Testament, particularly looking at Matthew 19:16-19, Jesus repeats some of the ten commandments (that can be found

in the old testament) including to "love your neighbor as yourself."

I would be safe to assume that Jones would be none too pleased to see the printed manuscript of his faith crucified in the form of a bonfire.

My advice to Jones would be to put all of his energy towards something proactive.

I have little patience for people who spend their time protesting against things that they hate, rather than working toward promoting their beliefs or creating solutions to things that they find problematic.

With Jones' mindset, our country will become more hostile and divided than ever within and in relation to other countries.

According to CNN, the planned burning has caused alarm in the Muslim world, which already feels under attack by the United States.

No one should have to live in a country where they feel that their religious beliefs are being persecuted, not American Muslims, not even Jones.

Although it would be a far jump for Jones to learn the belief that we should, "Live and let live," he should at the very least realize and be accountable for the extensive harm that his words have put on his fellow citizens and the rest of the world.

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Presentation provides resume-building tips

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Understanding what to include on a resume was the highlight of a presentation given Tuesday by a career counselor on campus.

About 30 students gathered to hear Anita Manuel, from the Career Center, explain that the most useful resume is one that highlights a set of skills and experience that truly represents the applicant.

While there are definite trends in resumes, Manuel said the most effective resume is written for a single employer with a particular position or goal in mind.

Josh McCarthy, a junior civil engineering major said he came to get pointers and a professional opinion about his resume.

He said he wants to perfect his current resume because he is in search of a job.

"I'd have to say the worst part of going for an interview is trying to read their minds," McCarthy said. "It's not so much the interview itself, it's wondering 'do they want me?' and 'am I a good match?'"

Targeting a resume is the best way to have it stand out in a stack of hundreds, Manuel said.

"Make sure key words that are listed in the job description are ones that also pop out on your resume," she said. "When a resume is just one of hundreds, the important points must catch the eye of the employer."

The average time an employer spends looking at a resume is about 10 seconds and that's why key words, bolded achievements and clear focus is necessary, Manuel said.

A graduate student who has put out 57 resumes said she came to polish her resume.

"It's really hard because I haven't had any calls," said Lina Peykova, who studies medical product development. "I assume it's my resume that is the problem, so here I am."

She said she stops at nothing once she submits her resume.

Peykova said she searches for the contact names on LinkedIn, goes straight to the company to ask for contact information and mails her resume directly to the hiring manager.

"I guess the biggest thing I took away from this today is that I should think from an employer's perspective," Peykova said. "It's good to think more about what they need and to use a lot more action words to show them what I've done."

Using bullet statements to highlight achievements and avoiding chunky paragraphs is very important, Manuel said.

"Remember that 10 seconds is not a long time for an employer to look at your resume," she said. "You want the important things to pop right away to entice the employer to keep reading."

Manuel said the top five qualities employers look for are communications skills, analytical skills, teamwork, technical skills and a strong work ethic.

She said the top five mistakes employers report are typos and grammatical errors, too much information, too little information, not listing achievements and poor layout and design.

The main goal of a resume is to be invited for an interview to discuss background

in detail, Manuel said.

The way to ensure that, she said, is to have all information relevant to the job at the forefront.

A freshman nursing major came to the workshop because she wants to switch to a job closer to campus and wasn't confident in her resume.

"All I really have on my resume is my high school experience and I wasn't sure if I should even include that," Anarely Mercado said. "I'm glad I came because I found out I shouldn't use that

information, otherwise I would have just sent out my resume as it was."

Manuel said many students have had jobs such as waiting tables and they don't know if some of those skills are transferable or relevant.

She advised students to take what they are most proud of and use it to highlight a skill such as problem-solving, communication or multi-tasking.

Although it may take some extra effort, Manuel said each resume submitted should be re-tailored to the

company and desired position.

She said the extra effort pays off by getting better results.

"Finally, a reality check the best way to judge if you have a good resume is if you are getting calls for interviews," Manuel said.

The Career Center offers a resume critique and one-on-one appointments, Manuel said.

But for those who can't make it into the office, Manuel said there is an online resume-writing workshop.



Anita Manuel of the Career Center talks to students about writing a resume on Sept. 14.

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